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SUBJECT: ILO: GOVERNMENT WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE

1. LATE MAY 24, GOVERNMENT WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE (GWPS) AGREED TO STUDY FOLLOWING DRAFT POSITION PAPER ON STRUCTURE ISSUE, FOR POSSIBLE PRESENTATION TO THE TRI-PARTITE WORKING PARTY (TWPS) MAY 29: BRACKETS INDICATE POINTS WHERE NO TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED:

I. IN THE GOVERNING BODY THE GOVERNMENTAL SEATS SHALL AMOUNT TO ( ), ALL OF THEM SHALL BE ELECTIVE AND TITULAR.

II. THE COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL GROUP SHOULD BE AS REPRESENTATIVE AS POSSIBLE AND SHOULD ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF ITS WORK, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL THE APPROPRIATE FACTORS, GEOGRAPHICAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND OTHERS.

III. FOR THIS PURPOSE THE SELECTION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL SEATS WILL BE MADE ON A REGIONAL BASIS.
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THERE WILL BE FOUR REGIONS (AFRICA, AMERICA, ASIA, EUROPE). IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THE GROUP OF STATES OF WESTERN EUROPE AND THE GROUP OF SOCIALIST STATES OF EASTERN EUROPE WILL BE ACCORDED THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF SEATS AND WILL SELECT SEPARATELY THEIR MEMBERS TO THE GOVERNING BODY. THIS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE EXISTING ELECTORAL ARRANGE-

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MENTS IN THE ASIAN REGION.

IV. THE DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS AMONG THE FOUR REGIONS SHALL BE BASED ONTHE APPLICATION OF EQUAL WEIGHTING OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: NUMBERS OF STATES, TOTAL POPULATION AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY (GNP OR CONTRIBUTIONS) OF ALL MEMBER STATES. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO CORRECT THE RIGIDITY OF THE RESULT OF THE APPLICATION OF THIS CRITERIA IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT NO REGION WILL BE ACCORDED LESS THAN (11 TO 12) SEATS AND NO REGION MORE THAN (14 TO 16).

V. TO ENSURE THE GREATEST POSSIBLE REPRESENTATIVITY OF THE GOVERNING BODY AS WELL AS THE CONTINUITY OF ITS WORK, THE GOVERNMENTS OF EACH REGION SHALL MAKE THE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SELECTION OF A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF MEMBER STATES ON THE BASIS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR POPULATION. THE SAID GOVERNMENTS COULD ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FOR THAT PURPOSE OTHER FACTORS SUCH AS THEIR ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES OR OTHERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PARTICULAR CHARACTERISTICS OF THE REGION.

2. IMEC HAS SCHEDULED MEETING FOR MORNING MAY 26 TO CONSIDER TEXT AND TO ATTEMPT TO REACH CONSENSUS ON THE PAPER. SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE ASKED FOR OUR VIEWS, WHICH, IF PRESENTED IN TIMELY MANNER, WILL BE GIVEN CONSIDERATION DURING THE MEETING. PARTICULARLY THEY WOULD LIKE OUR RE-
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ACTION TO POINT 3. THIS PAPER, IF APPROVED BY THE GWPS AND THEN THE TWPS WOULD SERVE AS THE REFERENCE FOR DRAFTING PROPOSED CHANGES TO ARTICLE 7 OF THE ILO CONSTITUTION AND DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT ALL THE LANGUAGE WOULD APPEAR IN THE CONSTITUTION PER SE.

3. WE UNDERSTAND SOVIET REP BORCHTCHEVSKI PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN DEVELOPING THE TEXT OF THE PAPER. FINAL SENTENCE OF POINT 3 WAS INSERTED TO IMPEDE ARAB MOVEMENT WITHIN ASIAN GROUP TO FORM SEPARATE ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

4. EC-9 REPS, WHILE MINDFUL OF POSSIBLE RESERVATIONS WE MIGHT HAVE CONCERNING POINT 3 HAVE SAID THAT SO LONG AS THE UNDERSTANDING STATED ABOUT THE SELECTION OF SEATS IN EUROPE DOES NOT APPEAR IN THE TEXT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, IT REPRESENTS NO CHANGE FROM THE EXISTING INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT. VANDEN HEUVEL

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